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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE GUICCIARDI TO EAST
TIMOR

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1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL A, I BELIEVE THE GOI REACTION TO REPLY TO SENATOR HART'S QUERY WOULD BE UNDERSTANDING AND FAVORABLE. I DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE WE NEED SPECIFICALLY VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION TO INDONESIANS SINCE THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. I DID ALERT INDO-NESEAN OFFICIALS OF INTEREST OF RECENT CODELS IN SPECIAL BRIEFING BY EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, IF I SEE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL, SUCH AS MALIK, ON SOME OCCASION, IT WOULD DO NO HARM TO ALERT THEM TO THIS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

2. AS A RESULT OF INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF BOTH CODELS RANDALL AND ADDABBO THAT THEY DESIRED SPECIAL BRIEFINGS ON TIMOR, I PERSONALLY PRESENTED THIS DURING EMBASSY'S BRIEFINGS. CONCERNING USE OF US EQUIPMENT AND US POSITION TOWARDS SITUATION IN TIMOR, THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT I SAID:

"WHILE WE HAVE NO MEANS TO MONITOR DIRECTLY DEVELOPMENTS IN TIMOR, WE KNOW THAT THE FOUR DESTROYER ESCORTS SOLD BY THE US TO INDONESIA HAVE BEEN IN TIMORESE
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WATERS (COMMENT: THIS HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS) AND MUST ASSUME

THAT THE THREE C-130'S SOLD UNDER FMS CREDIT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS ALONG WITH THOSE INDONESIA HAS PURCHASED COMMERCIALY. SOME OF THE NAVAL CRAFT USED BY INDONESIAN FORCES ARE OF PRE-1965 SOVIET ORIGIN.

"THE US HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT WE WELCOME THE DE-COLONIZATION OF TIMOR AND WILL ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE TIMORESE PEOPLE. WE HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS PROBLEM. THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF OUR POSITION. THE INDONESIANS HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED, AND WE HAVE NOT OFFERED, SUPPORT OF THE INCORPORATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA."

3. NO FURTHER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE RAISED BY THE CODELS AND THEREFORE GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTEL C WAS NOT USED.

4. ONE MEMBER IN EACH CODEL STATED PRIVATELY TO ME THAT HE CONSIDERED INCORPORATION OF TIMOR INTO INDONESIA THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION.
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